

### REMARKS

In the Office action dated August 20, 2004, the Examiner restricted the above-identified patent application and required election of one of the following groups for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

**Group I:** Claims 1-21, drawn to a coating composition, classified in class 525, subclass 383+.

**Group II:** Claims 22-24, 46-56 and 66-76, drawn to an alkyd coating composition and a method of making thereof, classified in class 523, subclass 500+.

**Group III:** Claims 25-29 and 57-59, drawn to an acrylic coating composition, classified in class 524, subclass 502.

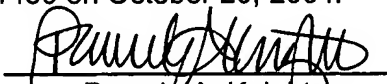
**Group IV:** Claims 30-45 and 60-65, drawn to a concentrated additive and a method of using, classified in class 106, subclass 218+.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-21, for prosecution in this application and have cancelled claims 22-76, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution of claims 22-76 in subsequent continuation applications.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned agent of record.

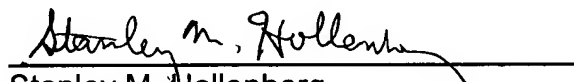
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